

LOCAL NEWS.

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A Narrow Escape from Drowning.

The tremendous, and we might say uninterrupted, fall of rain for the last few days has so swollen the numerous creeks throughout this region of country, as to render fording of them unusually hazardous, and in addition to its dangerous velocity the water has acted upon the bed of the streams so as to wash out deep holes, which require the utmost caution to be observed in fording them.

An attempt, after a successful one, to cross one of these rises, viz: Mustang Creek, yesterday, by Colonel H. P. Griffin and little son, of Rockwall, came near costing the former his life.

It appears that just as he had reached the middle of the creek the bridge broke and the horse, depending in a great measure upon the bridge to aid him in swimming, was turned completely around by the current, and rider and horse were carried helplessly down the stream. In the passage the horse turned entirely over twice, but the Colonel, clinging firmly to him, at length regained mastery of his limbs and finally reached shore.

The anxiety of his brave little son, only seven years of age, who, safely crossed by preserving a heroic coolness and steadiness of nerve in guiding his horse, notwithstanding the water was up to the little fellow's neck, must have been painfully acute at witnessing his father's frightful situation, and his joy must have been greatly great upon his parent's providential release from danger.

A Brazen of Smith County Drowned in White Rock Creek.

As Mr. J. M. Sanford of this county, and a Mr. Wm. Jackson, who resided in Smith county, near Tyler, were attempting to cross White Rock Creek on Monday evening last, some of the connecting of the wagon parted and the bed drifted down stream, carrying Mr. Jackson with it, whom up to this time no intelligence of his whereabouts have reached his friends and it is feared, that not being able to swim and more or less nervous as regards water, he has drowned.

Mr. Sanford at the moment the bed became detached from the under-pining of the wagon was precipitated in the water and became entangled in the harness, from which he succeeded in extricating himself only by the most desperate effort, when he swam ashore.

Operetta.

Some ladies of our city are engaged in getting up an operetta for the benefit of St. Matthew's Episcopal church in this city, which, we learn, will come off about the 20th inst. From the known artistic skill of the ladies who are preparing for the entertainment, we feel fully justified in promising our people such a musical treat as has seldom, if ever, greeted the ears of a Dallas audience. Our notice will be given of the place where the operetta will be given, and we ask that it be well attended. Aside from spending a pleasant evening, our friends can have the satisfaction of contributing to a most laudable undertaking.

A RELATED Dallas man went home the other night and found the gate locked; he climbed over the fence and then found the doors locked, he then crawled in the window and found his wife gone. Then he turned round and tried to open the door to get out again, and he found it locked on the outside, he then went to the window to get out that way and found it nailed so he couldn't raise it. Then he heard a gentle little voice on the outside, "Now sir! I've got you in, and you shall stay, until you vow you never will stay out any more at night." But he didn't say anything, he only looked up at the Heavens and saw some malignant cloud-scenery and sat down by the window and waited, then there came a spatter of rain and another and another, then the owner of the still small voice looked in the window and he looked out at the proprietress of the angelic tones and cleared his throat just a little, then the gathered fullness of the beautiful cloud began to come lively and the cherubim without intensified her inward look muchly, then he dilated his optics some more as he looked out on the debared dove and he smiled only just a little though. Then she was luxuriously wet, then he stepped to the door and when he unlocked the inside she unlocked the outside. Then she says she entered, "Did you do that?" "Yes, mam, I did that; did you do the other?" "Yes I did the other!" And the master is perfectly even, less "make up!" and they made up. And all this actually occurred on a certain street in this city, Sunday night.

— stage-struck Dallas chap was caught using his landlord's butter to oil his hair, and when she decried to such a misapplication, he informed her that in a certain part of a tragedy that he was studying, it was required that his hair should stand upon end and he couldn't think of anything, in the universe better adapted to raise the hair on the top of a man's head than that butter.

The Dallas and Wichita Road.

We published yesterday a proposition made by Mr. J. W. Calfee, President of the above road, to which we invite the attention of our readers, and particularly those who are interested in the growth and prosperity of our young and thriving city. We candidly believe that the building of this road, in connection with other improvements, is one of the best things that can be done for the future of Dallas, and we urge upon our people to consider well the proposition. Just now contractors—men who do the actual work of building roads—can be got to take hold of this enterprise on much more favorable terms than you can a year or two hence. Then let our people take the matter under advisement, consider it well, and not according.

Encouraging.

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Ben A. J. Bell.

We were pleased to meet in our city yesterday, Hon. A. J. Bell, Senator from Parker county. After his long, arduous and joyful labors in the Legislature, the Major is returning to his home looking in excellent health, and fully in favor of Dallas as the place for the State Convention.

Notice Extraordinary.

We are authorized to say that the hotel of Dallas will extend their hospitality to the members of the Press, should the Executive Committee name this city as the place for holding the convention. Our hotel proprietors are gentlemen possessed of the current enterprise, and appreciating the efficient results of printers' ink, take this method of expressing it. We certainly trust that the committee will consider all our claims before naming some other place.

Notice.

All persons indebted to the undersigned for subscription to the DALLAS HERALD advertising or job work, are hereby notified to settle the same. After the 1st day of July, all unpaid bills will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection.

JNO. W. SWINDELLS.

Masonic.

The following are the officers elect for the ensuing Masonic year, of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

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E. E. W. King, G. S. King.
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J. K. Fraizer, 2d Veil.
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W. A. Achard, G. Grand Stew.
W. W. Massey, G. Grand Aids.
A. W. Spencer, Grand Guard.

Another Joke by Sothen.

A correspondent tells the following about Sothen, but that person having acquired a reputation for practical jokes told by it, and may be innocent of the same, and more harm at his door:

"When I talked with Mr. Sothen about Puritan," he said,

"Just come down in the shooting-gallery where I am just going to shoot a match, and you'll talk it over."

Where we go in the gallery, near Brown's char-house, I found the match was between Charley Cooper and Mr. Sothen, and Sothen was a rascal with a rifle, and Sothen with a pistol. Mr. Cooper's nerves were a little uneasy, having been out on George Kid's patch all the afternoon, took a rifle and put two balls out of the bell in the bull's eye, ringing the bell exactly twice, and honest, too.

"Tell you, sir, regard! I hate these practical jokers," said Mr. Sothen, as he wished to know who had had of him a little string connected with the bell, fixed up for the occasion.

Then the man loaded Sothen's pistol with blank cartridges, and the boy stood by to a stily pull the bell and fool the bystanders into believing the bell's eye should be hit each time.

"Click!" goes the blank cartridge, and the boy stily pulls the string and the bell rings.

"Click!" again, and the boy jerks the string, and rattle goes the bell once more.

"Click!" once more, and another silly twitch and ring of the bell.

So Sothen fired three blank cartridges and the boy pulled the bell each time.

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And this innocent man did it.

Effect of a Sneeze.

The New York Sun says the audience in the Grand Opera house on Saturday evening were treated in a rich scene which was not in the programme. The drop had fallen upon the fourth act of Monte Carlo. The spectators were in a uproar, and the topside ways of enthusiasm. At the fall of the curtain a pin-drop could have been heard. The silence was at length broken by a half snatched sneeze. It was from one of the back seats, and every head was twisted to see its author.

An old gray-haired gentleman, with a beaming, Pennsylvania countenance, seated in one of the rear seats in the parlor with his face buried in the ample folds of a red silk handkerchief. The gaze of so many hundred eyes embarrassed him, and he struggled heroically to repress another eruption. He had been sitting in a draft, and the inner membrane of his nose had become so much irritated that his efforts were ineffectual.

At length the half the audience to their half the audience to their feet. Sneeze followed sneeze close upon each other's heels. The laughter became uproarious. The audience cheered, clapped their hands and stamped their feet. Foibles and idlers ran from the lobbies, and the actors peeped out from behind the curtains to see the fun.

The inmates of one of the mansions of the neighborhood, who were in the parlors, burst into fits of狂笑, and the more he laughed the more violently he sneezed. For full ten minutes after the old gentleman had exhausted his repertoire a broad grin was on everybody's face. At length the orchestra began to play and quiet was restored.

Ex-Governor J. W. Throckmorton.

The Washington Democratic criticizes, rather unkindly, our friend and neighbor, J. W. Throckmorton. We are sorry to see that a quarter of a century ago this distinguished citizen made his debut into politics. Twenty-three years since, through his efforts, to the title to the land in this and adjoining counties were confirmed to the settlers and the Peters, ranging between the south and the Peters, whose boundaries were adjusted by his faithful services. From that time to the present—in war, and in peace—he has stood by our people and their interests, and never failed them.

In 1865, when the State was without a ruler—when gloom and dread reigned over the entire Southern Confederacy—Governor Hamilton, of the State, the representative of the United States, all eyes were turned to Austin. Without waiting to see the course of events, Throckmorton went to Austin, to meet the representatives of the conquering government, and contributed greatly to the peace and quiet of North Texas by securing the appointment of good men to office.

In 1866, having been elected Governor, he made a rapid tour of the State, and avoided the despotism of those days, which will be an honor to his name as long as people live liberty. The clanking of every chain that loaded the limbs of a Texan reached his ear, and called forth a persistent and manly effort for their removal. Every day, from the military fortresses of those days, he heard his heart's response to the sound from the surrounding ruins of Sherman, called into active operation his official interests.

He never failed to do his duty to the people, and for this reason the military goliaths dropped his official brand. In his official death, however, he gave his arrogant tyrants a farewell shot in his protest that will occupy honorable memory in the history of commonwealth.

Indeed, the Governor has ever been true to Texas. Not one blot rests upon his public or private character. He has been true to Texans and Texas, as a citizen, neighbor and friend. Let justice be done, be the consequences what they may.—McKinney Enquirer.

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March 29, 1873. W. H. Poole.

SAINT LOUIS

ROUTE EASTWARD.

The completion of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway from the North to Dallas, Texas, has opened up a new route from the West to the East, via Dallas, 120 miles from St. Louis, the trains of the "Pioneer Line" from the North, and the "Missouri Pacific" from the South, will connect with the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad, and at Sedalia, 110 miles from St. Louis, they connect with the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and the Missouri Pacific, through its connection with the Atlantic & Pacific, will connect with the Texas & New Mexico, El Paso and San Antonio, Kansas, Kansas City, and St. Louis, Kansas, and St. Louis, Mo.

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